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April 15, 1985

Harry Fitzwater Deputy Director for Administration Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505 85-1464

Dear Mr. Fitzwater

As an adviser and consultant to several parts of 3M, I am writing on behalf of a client, the 3M Federal Systems R&D group. We are seeking government support for elements of 3M's internal R&D programs. The company itself spends nearly \$400 million in R&D annually, and there are programs which, when done in partnership with government, move faster and are of more benefit to each party. A well-known result of the introductory work which our small group does can be seen in the NASA/3M joint endeavor agreement re materials science R&D in a micro-gravity environment. 3M work for and with the Agency is not without precedent.

I am requesting an introduction to the lead person in your organization who is responsible for the administration of R&D coordination and procurement programs for the Agency. We would like to discuss mutual interests at two levels. The first is very general: is there a way for us to gain an overall view of difficult technology problems which are facing the Agency? We might be able to identify some area in which 3M has already done work, or in which related effort could be redirected.

At the specific level, there are several 3M labs working on generic technologies which support image-handling information networks. I am currently assessing government interest in the application of a high-resolution grey-scale image handling system in areas other than diagnostic radiology-for which it was originally intended. My previous exposure to work in national security and intelligence as a White House staff member led me to the conjecture that there might be applications for this technology in the Agency, for the storage, communication and retrieval of photography or remote-sensed imagery.

Please respond to the above address or telephone number. If clearances are required, my and my 3M security officer is David F. Thomas, at (612) 733-6025.

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Sincerely yours,

Edward K. Zimmerman